(c) Manpower policy in this regard will be finalised after the recommendations of the consultant are received.

Operation of International Flights from Hyderabad

2687. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to operate one direct flight between Hyderabad and Dubai in view of heavy demand from Andhra Pradesh NRIs;

(b) If so, whether Government would agree to the request;

(c) by when such flights would operate; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) Following airlines are presently connecting Hyderabad to Dubai:—

Emirates : 8 services/week

Indian Airlines: 7 services/week

Air services from Raipur

2688. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to introduce air services to link Raipur with Hyderabad, Goa, Bangalore and Kolkata or with other cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not introducing the same in view of utilisation of the desolate airports and passenger amenities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Indian Airlines has presetly no plans to link Raipur with Hyderabd, Goa, Bangalore and Kolkata or with other cities.

(b) Does not arise.